

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

September 17, 2007

CALL TO PODIUM:

**Louise Kauffmann, Director of
Community Development**

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Louise Kauffmann

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
X	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item
is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Resolution of the Mayor and City Council Approving a Community Legacy Application and Receipt of Financing for a Community Legacy Project in Gaithersburg, Maryland, to be Financed Either Directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland or Through Other Departments or Agencies of the State of Maryland

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

The City of Gaithersburg is applying for grant funding under the FY 08 Community Legacy Program for a project that promotes Smart Growth initiatives in locally designated Community Legacy Areas. This program, administered through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, provides a flexible source of funding in support of local revitalization efforts.

The City has received numerous grants under this program, including funds for the recently completed multi-use trail along North Summit Avenue in the amount of \$75,000 and funding to install a brick sidewalk from the Cannery along East Diamond Avenue to terminate at the Fire Station Museum. Previous Community Legacy awards to the City include decorative light fixtures in the Brookes, Walker, Russell Historic District and along Chestnut Street, and for design of the Olde Towne Park Plaza area and intersection improvements at the intersection of East Diamond and Summit Avenues.

This year's application in the amount of \$100,000, coupled with the City's match of \$100,000, will allow for roadway improvements on Russell Avenue. This project is listed in the City's Capital Improvements Budget for FY09.

A resolution from the Mayor and Council of the local jurisdiction approving the project is a required component of the application.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Vote on Resolution

Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A COMMUNITY
LEGACY APPLICATION AND RECEIPT OF FINANCING FOR A COMMUNITY
LEGACY PROJECT IN GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND, TO BE FINANCED EITHER
DIRECTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR THROUGH OTHER
DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg recognize that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of the communities in the City of Gaithersburg; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gaithersburg proposes to develop a *Community Legacy* Project in the area designated a *Community Legacy Area* ("Area"), the purpose of which will be to contribute to the reinvestment and revitalization in the Area; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department") of the State of Maryland, either through *Community Legacy* or through other Programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the project (the "Project Financing") in order to assist in making it financially feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Area is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act and the Project will conform to the local zoning code; and

WHEREAS, the applicable law, regulations and Departmental requirements necessitate approval of the Project and the Project Financing by Mayor and City Council and, where appropriate, by the chief elected executive official of the local subdivision;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg hereby approve the request in the form of a grant, or other financial vehicles, in the approximate amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be, and is hereby requested to endorse this Resolution, thereby indicating his approval thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute documents and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of these resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland for consideration by the Community Legacy Board.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 17th day of September, 2007.

Sidney A. Katz, Mayor and
President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council in public meeting assembled on the 17th day of September, 2007.

David B. Humpton, City Manager